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SUBJECT: REDSOC/ABCOB/ZELYNCH - Meeting with Dr. Valdemar Ginters,  
14 February 1952

TO: Chief, DYCLIP  
Munich, Germany

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Washington, D.C.

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REFERENCE: A. WSSA 3587 of 11 Feb. 1952  
B. MUNI 5861 of 24 Nov. 1951  
C. 579-CHOWU of 13 Nov. 1951

B. Chief, DYCLIP  
Frankfurt, Germany

1. On 14 February 1952 [ ] met Ginters. [ ] had met him previously but had only discussed the more overt aspects of Latvian refugee activities here on those occasions. At the last such meeting, Ginters had volunteered a considerable discourse on the Valdemar station and had explained how local Latvians receive the traffic with this station from the Tiesars. [ ] was receptive to this information, but he did not evidence operational interest in the matters Ginters was discussing in order to protect his cover and because Ginters' clearance status was not settled. Since that time, [ ] has learned that Ginters has been operationally cleared (WSSW 2094).

2. At this meeting, [ ] led off with an inquiry into recent developments in the Latvian National Foundation. Ginters reported that he is no longer the chairman and that consideration is being given to reorganizing the leadership of the Foundation. The plan is to establish a Presidium as an appendage to the Foundation but separate from the direction of the Foundation itself. This Presidium would consist of representatives of the Agrarian Party, Dagavas Vanagi, a Conservative wing of the Catholic Party, the I.M.C.A. and other appropriate organizations in NECHREST. The leadership of the Presidium will be given to Professor Arveds Svabe, a leading Latvian intellectual here who is engaged in producing a new Latvian encyclopedia. He is reputed not have any particular party affiliations. The obvious motivation for this reorganization is an attempt to establish the Foundation, which has considerable reputation in its own light, as a center for conservative political forces in NECHREST and as a counterbalance to the vigorous political activities of Kalnins and the Liberals here. The door would be left open, however, to the accession of representatives of the Liberals, Socialists, etc. Further developments on this will be reported.

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3. On Kalnins. Ginters reported (as had been previously mentioned by him and [ ]) that Kalnins was given a very friendly treatment in London recently by Minister Zarins, who invited him to dine at the

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Legation at least twice and was extremely cordial. Kalidas was reportedly at first to have been rather taken aback by this treatment, but to have moved toward the idea of establishing formal friendly relations with Zargha. A "joint declaration" to this effect may be forthcoming soon. Will see Kalidas in the near future and determine his attitude toward the Russians.

4. [redacted] led into the operational discussion by saying that he had reported his previous conversation with Glusiers to EMERALD and that several questions based on this had been sent back to him to carry along with Glusiers. The potential traitor mentioned in Reference Q 1 is Identity A. Glusiers reported that this gentleman was presently in PROVIDO and that he would give [redacted] his present address there. Identity A, of course, appears to not exist, and efforts may already have been made to intercept him in receiving his participation in these matters. Since it may still be possible to do so, however, information on this will be forwarded.

5. Glusiers again described the Volkmann contact and also the separate code that existed for private contact. He emphasized that it has been three years since this code was established, however, and he doubts that it might be usable at this time. He stated that Volkmann himself is working in a Soviet planning command.

6. [redacted] also made the point that we were interested in obtaining high caliber recruits but that we wished nothing to be done about them until we had a chance to look them over and to check them. The importance of security in the matter was emphasized, and Glusiers seemed to be fully in accord. He said that he would submit details on potential recruits to [redacted] but would not inform them of his recommendations. This will be followed up in the future.

7. On the subject of security, [redacted] stated that he would appreciate very much hearing of any persons who came to his attention as allegedly working for the Russians. The point was made to Glusiers that this was a protective request, so many allege this without truth behind it, and we wish to be prepared to deny our connection with them. Glusiers said that he had heard of none lately (which confirms [redacted] a opinion that EMERALD seems to be operating with reasonable security), but he warned us to avoid Identity B, whom he said had been active here in 1946 and 1947 and had been very loud and insistent. He said that he believed this man to be in the United States now, but he was watching him so that we would not recruit him.

8. Glusiers was asked about subject of EMU 6953. [redacted] saying that he had received this request to check the individual from abroad and that he did not know the purpose of the check. Glusiers did not know of him, but he said he would report back after making a "clearest" check.

9. In Reference B, Paragraph 2, there is certainly a high possibility of detecting Glusiers from working with the Russians. Despite that my

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have been a falling off of interest during the past year (Reference A), Ginters reacted with considerable enthusiasm and suppressed excitement when raised once again the subject of Valdemar. In discussing the traffic the Latvians receive from the Tishars, Ginters made the point that he and his friends were most unhappy with the "bureaucratic" HENCHST control of the situation and the HENCHST reluctance to accomplish worthwhile objectives, being satisfied with occasional details of economic information from Latvia. Ginters' original volunteering of the whole Valdemar story to [ ] can also be interpreted as a bid for renewed HENCHST interest and activity. The use of Ginters will presumably be affected by [ ] attitudes toward him, but any ideas will be welcomed. He may be most useful as a channel into the Foundation, however, remaining here in Stockholm.

10. [ ] will maintain his connection with Ginters as a source of information on Latvian affairs here and as a source of potential recruits, and he will consider possibilities of pushing the work of the Foundation through him. He has been asked to provide [ ] with any good HENCHST projects he finds, and we may be able to help in that field. Any suggestions for other uses of Ginters will be most welcome.

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ATTACHMENT TO 23-CS3MO

**IDENTITIES**

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- B. \_\_\_\_\_ OZOLINS (fms, - but probably Alexander)

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